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Press Release *Police Department*

Officer Involved Shooting / 4 Suspects Arrested for Robbery DR # 080009570

On February 10, 2008 at approximately 4:30 PM, Officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a robbery now call at the 99 Cent Store, located at 3007 Artesia. Further information on the call, was that three suspects entered the business, with one suspect armed with a handgun while one suspect stayed near a maroon colored vehicle. Units arrived and observed a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description leaving the area northbound on Crenshaw Blvd.

When the Officers attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, the vehicle fled from them northbound on Crenshaw Blvd., turning eastbound on Marine Ave. The pursuit continued on Marine Ave., turning southbound on Atkinson Ave. and then eastbound onto 152nd St. The pursuit turned onto northbound Casmir Ave. and the P.I.T. (Precision Intervention Technique) maneuver was completed at 149th St and Roxton.

While taking the four suspects into custody, one suspect exited the vehicle and pointed a handgun at the officers. Two Officers then shot the suspect striking him in the leg and all four suspects were taken into custody. The injured suspect was treated by the Los Angeles County Paramedics and transported to Harbor General Hospital. Officers retrieved evidence from the scene linking them to the crime. The evidence consisted of currency, a cash drawer from the business and a handgun. The suspects arrested are:

Jose Ortega	20 yrs, Los Angeles	Armed Robbery
Erik Hernandez Reyes	24 yrs, Los Angeles	Armed Robbery
Arturo Flores	19 yrs, Los Angeles	Armed Robbery
Eduardo Trujillo	20 yrs, Los Angeles	Armed Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Police Officer

Three suspects are held at the Torrance Police Department and the injured suspect is in-custody at the hospital. The investigation is on going under the direction of Captain Marc Wilkins, Bureau Commander of the Special Operations Bureau, Torrance Police Department.

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